Aprill.

Lo how finely the graces can it foote
to the Instrument:
They dauncen deftly, and singen soote,
in their meriment.
Wants not not a fourth grace, to make the daunce euen
Let that rowme to my Lady be yeuen:
She shalbe a grace,
To fyll the fourth place,
And reigne with the rest in heauen.

And whither rennes this beuie of Ladies bright,
raunged in a rowe?
They bene all Ladyes of the lake behight,
that vnto her goe.
Chloris, that is the chiefest Nymph of al,
Of Olive braunches beares a Coronall:
Olives bene for peace,
When warres doe surcease:
Such for a Princelle bene principall.

Ye shepheards daughters, that dwell on the greene,
hye you there apace:
Let none come there, but that Virgins bene,
to adorne her grace.
And when you come, whereas shee is in place,
See, that your rudenesse doe not you disgrace:
Binde your fillets fast,
And gird in your waste,
For more fineſſe, with a tawdrie lace.

Bring hether the Pincke and purple Cullambine,
With Gellislowres:
Bring Coronations, and Sops in wine,
worne of Paramoures.
Strowe me the ground with Daffadowndillies,
And Cowslips, and Kingcups, and loued Lillies:
The pretie Pawnce,
And the Cheuisaunce.
Shall match with the fayre flowre Delice,

Now

Apri

Now ryse vp *Elisa*, decked as t
in royall aray:
And now ye daintie Damsells
echeone her way,
I feare, I haue troubled your tr
Let dame *Eliza* thanke you for
And if you come hether
When Damsines I ge
I will part them all you among

Thenot

And was thilk same song of *Col*
Ah foolish boy, that is with lou
Great pittie is, he be in such tak
For naught caren, that bene so

Hobbinol.

Sicker I hold him, for a greate
That loues the thing, he cannot
But let vs homeward: for night
And twincling starres the dayli

Thenots Em

O quam te memoren

Hobbinols Em

O dea certe.

GLOSS

Gars thee greete] causeth thee vweepe and com
Attempred to the yeare] agreeable to the season
neth is most bent to shoures and season
the drought, caused through dryneſſe of
The Ladde] Colin Clout] The Lasse] Rosalin
Is he for a ladde] A straunge manner of speaking
To rime] to rime and versifye. For in this vword
vvont to comprehend all the skil of Poetrye, a
to make, whence commeth the name of Poetes.

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